



STATE OF MARYLAND



Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

*Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners*

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**January 20, 2009**

The January 20, 2009 meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.  
by the Vice-Chairperson, Shirley Leeper, PTA.

### **Board members present:**

Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member  
Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson  
Lori Mizell, PT  
Donald Novak, PT  
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member  
Stephen Ryan, PT

### **Also present:**

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director  
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator  
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary  
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer  
Teresa Thornton, Investigator  
Richard Bloom, AAG

### **Absent:**

Margery F. Rodgers, PT, Chairperson  
John Baker, PT  
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director  
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel

Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice-Chairperson acted as the Board Chair in  
Margery F. Rodgers, PT, Chairperson's absence.

Richard Bloom, AAG was Board Counsel in Linda Bethman's absence.

Ann Tyminski and Patricia Miller welcomed the PTA students from  
Baltimore City Community College. Ms. Tyminski and Ms. Miller  
explained the application process for licensure and gave them  
pertinent information for their career in physical therapy.

PTA Students

Expense sheets were handed out and collected.

Expense Sheets

The Minutes of the Open Session for the December 16, 2008 Board meeting were approved as written.

Minutes

Mrs. Tyminski presented the PT application of Janine L. McDade. Ms. McDade applied by endorsement from the state of Louisiana and had recently let her license lapse from that state. Ms. McDade let her license lapse from Louisiana to avoid paying for that renewal and Maryland's application fee. The Board approved her application since her license was current and without disciplinary action as of December 31, 2008.

PT Application

Mrs. Tyminski received an e-mail from Bill Rolle, PT, with a question in reference to having exercise physiologists in his private practice referring to their exercise plans as therapeutic exercise. The Board will refer this inquiry to Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Council for advice prior to responding.

Practice  
Question

Packets with articles for the winter newsletter were distributed. The Board stated that the articles were acceptable.

Winter  
Newsletter

At the last meeting, the Board was asked to review information for the Athletic Trainers' Bill. When Mrs. Tyminski receives a revised Bill she will have the Board review it.

Athletic  
Trainers'  
Bill

John Baker, PT is reviewing the proposed language for Animal Physical Therapy, and will give Mrs. Tyminski his comments. Mr. Baker was absent from this meeting.

Animal PT

Kristie Snedeker, PT sent a letter to the Board in reference to the CEU course "Dementia and Cognition" which was previously denied. Ms. Snedeker asked the Board to re-examine the course content. The Board's decision will stand.

CEU Course

The upcoming Continuing Education Course was discussed. Mrs. Tyminski stated that the instructor was in place, Carroll Community College was booked, and the course announcement would be placed in the newsletter. The problem that is being faced now is getting contracts through the system for the instructor, Nancy R. Kirsch, PT, Ph.D and the catering vendor.

Continuing Education  
Course

Paula Hollinger is asking administrators to add some kind of Pro Bono services to the Practice Act. The Board members indicated that there is nothing in the Practice Act to prohibit Pro Bono treatment.

Pro Bono  
Services

Mrs. Tyminski received an e-mail from Maribeth Decker in reference to topics for the 2009 FSBPT Annual Topics Survey Meeting. Mrs. Tyminski asked the Board to forward suggested topics to Ms. Decker.

FSBPT Annual  
Topics Survey  
Meeting

### **Continuing Education**

"HIV/Aids Counseling, Testing and Psychosocial Issues" was denied. The Board felt that this course was geared more for counselors.

"Advances in Women's Health: Hormones, Heart Health & the Brain" was denied. The Board felt that this course was irrelevant to the practice of physical therapy.

### **Reports**

Income Summaries were distributed.

Income Summaries

Task Force Report – Mrs. Tyminski reported that the Task Force was winding up its work and that the draft report contained significant changes to the way Boards would operate. The final report would be out by the end of January and would be distributed to Board members.

Task Force

### **Information**

Proposed Action on Regulations was distributed to the Board for review.

Proposed Action  
on Regulations

The FSBPT 2009 Budget was distributed to the Board for review.

FSBPT 2009  
Budget

The Maryland Optometry Board Newsletter was distributed.

Optometry Board  
Newsletter

The NPTE 2008 Fourth Quarterly Faculty Newsletter was distributed. The fee for the PT and PTA National Physical Therapy Exam will increase from \$350 to \$370 in 2010.

NPTE Quarterly  
Newsletter

Ms. Christine Larson, formerly Director of Standards of Practice for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, advertised that she is offering a remedial course on Ethics for people who have been disciplined.

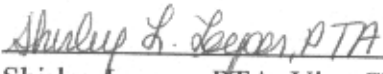
Ethics Course

The Open Session of the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m. and the Board immediately entered closed session for the purpose of medical review deliberations of applications, according to Section 10-508 (a)(13).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Ann Tyminski, Executive Director

2/17/09  
Date approved

  
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Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson